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For: **ORGANIC THIOL METAL-FREE STABILIZERS AND PLASTICIZERS  
FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING POLYMERS**



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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

In response to the Official Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, Applicants respond as follows.